

August 30, 2004; Agenda Item No. 13

Resolution No. 04-63

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT  
OF PROPOSITION 50 FUNDS TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION  
AUTHORITY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR PHASE I  
AND A PORTION OF PHASE II OF THE VISTA HERMOSA LOS ANGELES RIVER  
WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT, LOS ANGELES

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Section 33204(c) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 50, the Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects, Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection Act to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants to acquire and protect coastal wetlands and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, The Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed Restoration Project is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan, the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan, and the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan as adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, The Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed Restoration Project is located within the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, The Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed Restoration Project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives to expand efforts to integrate nature into the urban environment and expand education, public access, and resource stewardship components in a manner that best serves the public, protects habitat, and provides recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Unified School District certified the Environmental Impact Report for the Vista Hermosa project on June 22, 2004, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

*Therefore Be It Resolved*, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan and the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan.

2. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan as adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.
3. FINDS that the proposed project is located within the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed.
4. FINDS that the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) have been met pursuant to the Environmental Impact Report certified by the Los Angeles Unified School District on June 22, 2004.
4. ADOPTS the staff report dated August 30, 2004 for this item.
5. AUTHORIZES a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$ 3, 269,700.
7. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

*~ End of Resolution ~*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director